



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

#### **BETWEEN**

#### THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF DENMARK

#### AND

# THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF RWANDA

**ON POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS** 

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark (hereafter Denmark) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda (hereafter Rwanda) together the Parties and in singular the Party;

**Recognizing** the need to widen Cooperation and regular exchange of information, as well as political dialogue on bilateral and International issues of Regional and Global nature;

**Reaffirming** their adherence to the principles of international law, national sovereignty and equality among peoples and nations, peace and international security;

#### have agreed as follows:

#### Article 1 Scope

- a) The present Memorandum of Understanding sets forth the framework for Political consultations between the Parties,
- b) The Parties shall have regular political consultations on bilateral, international and regional issues of common interest.

## Article 2 Objectives and areas of Cooperation

Consultations shall focus on:

- a) Promotion of bilateral economic ties;
- b) Promotion of Trade, Investment and Tourism;
- c) Strengthening and deepening bilateral cooperation with emphasis on issues of common interest;
- d) Asylum and Migration;
- e) Issues of regional character that are of interest to both parties;
- f) Issues of global and multilateral nature that are of interest to both parties;
- g) Promotion and protection of human rights;
- h) Matters of particular importance to be debated at international fora;
- i) other potential areas of mutual interest.

#### Article 3 Annual consultations

Date, place and consultation level, as well as agenda plus work plan shall be determined through diplomatic channels.

## Article 4 Principles of Cooperation

The Parties shall encourage bilateral contact and exchange of information between their respective Permanent Missions at the United Nations and their diplomatic Missions in third Countries.

#### Article 5 Cost of activities

Each party funding for activities and or projects it initiates and that are to be implemented in its jurisdiction. However, parties may agree to jointly solicit for funds for projects of mutual benefit.

#### Article 6 Information and notification

Any notice required or permitted under this MoU shall be valid and effective only if in writing and shall be deemed to have been received on the date of delivery. Any party may by notice to the other, change its address and such change shall take effect on the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) day after the date of receipt of the party that last receives notice.

Notices to parties will be sent to the following addresses:

For the Republic of Rwanda: *Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda.* 

For the Kingdom of Denmark: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.

#### Article 7 Legal Quality

The Parties acknowledge that this Memorandum of Understanding is a nonbinding agreement. Each party agrees that this MoU gives no rise to legal obligations on the part of any party. The parties intend to use their best efforts in good faith to work together to achieve the objectives of this MoU.

#### Article 8 Confidentiality

Neither party shall disclose to a third party any confidential information communicated to it, without prior written consent of the other party, save information that is in the public domain or that required in fulfilment of a legal provision. This provision shall survive the expiration or termination of this MoU.

#### Article 9 Amendment

This Memorandum of Understanding may be amended by mutual consent of the parties by submitting a proposed written addendum to the other party and by written acceptance of the other party hereto the said written addendum through diplomatic channels.

#### Article 10 Duration

This Memorandum of Understanding is for a duration of five (5) years after which it shall be automatically renewed for a similar period unless terminated by either party by giving a three (3) months written notice in advance of its intention to terminate through diplomatic channels.

### Article 11 Governing law

This Memorandum of Understanding shall be construed and implemented in accordance with the laws of each party.

## Article 12 Dispute Resolution

Any dispute that may arise between the two parties in relation to the interpretation or application of this Memorandum of Understanding, shall be settled amicably. If the dispute cannot be amicably settled, any party shall be at liberty to terminate the MoU.

#### Article 13 Termination

Either Party may terminate this Memorandum of Understanding at any time upon providing three (3) written notification to the other. In the event of termination of this MoU, the parties will coordinate in good faith to accomplish any ongoing activity.

#### Article 14 Effective date

This MoU will come into effect on the date of its signature by both parties.

The foregoing represents the understanding reached between the Parties on the matters referred to in this Memorandum of Understanding.

For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark For the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Republic of Rwanda

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